

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT - II : MARCH - 2014

CLASS : VIII

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

Time: 2½ Hours

MM : 60

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:-

This paper consists of four sections:

Section A – Reading (15 marks)

Section B – Writing (15 marks)

Section C – Grammar (10 marks)

Section D – Literature (20 marks)

- (i) All the questions are compulsory.
- (ii) There may be options within the question itself.
- (iii) Attempt all the questions section wise.

Section-A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage and answers the following question by choosing the most appropriate option: (5)

Men who skip breakfast on a regular basis face a 27 percent higher risk of heart attack or death from coronary artery disease than those who are more consistent about eating their morning meal. That's according to a 16- year study published in the American Heart Association journal Circulation. There are several theories to explain why skipping breakfast presents such a risk. Researchers suggested, for example, that going longer without new calories sources puts greater long- term stress on the body, which can, in turn, lead to higher levels of fasting insulin, triglycerides and LDL (bad) cholestral.

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Researchers found that the man who skipped breakfast tended to be smokers, had lower level of physical activity, and drank more alcohol, though even when such factors were accounted for in the study, men who skipped breakfast still had higher heart health than those who didn't skip breakfast.

- 1). When men skip breakfast:
 - (a) They suffer from lung disease
 - (b) They suffer from heart attack
 - (c) Their energy exhaust
 - (d) They have lower level of glucose
- 2). The passage suggests that we should:
 - (a) Take regular exercise
 - (b) Take breakfast regularly
 - (c) Take glucose daily
 - (d) Not take exercise
- 3). Researchers conclude that skipping breakfast means leading to:
 - (a) Working in fields
 - (b) Working in office
 - (c) Lower level of physical activity
 - (d) Higher level of physical activity
- 4). Not taking breakfast leads to:
 - (a) Stress (b) Typhoid
 - (c) Fever (d) Cholera

5). The opposite of 'attack' is:

- (a) to run (b) to fight
(c) to defend (d) to jump

2. Read the passage and answer the questions

(5)

Sachin Tendulkar may have hung up his pads but the applause continues. The cricketer turned-legislator was among the top five most admired people on the planet-a list that counted Bill Gates, Barack Obama, the Pope and the Dalai Lama.

Gates topped the list of 30 drawn up by You Gov for The Times. The world's most admired people poll surveyed almost 14,000 people across the world. There were four Indians in the top ten and seven over all. AAP leader and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal made an entry, at number 18, a little behind his mentor Anna Hazare, who came in at number 14.

Sachin, 40, was fifth followed by prime ministerial candidate N.Modi (7th) Amitabh Bachan (9th), former President Abdul Kalam (10th) and tycoon Ratan Tata (30th). Gates, 58, earned more admiration than US president Barack Obama who was second. Russian President Vladimir Putin came in third, followed by reformist Pope Francis.

- 1) What has Sachin recently done?
- 2) What is the ranking of Sachin in top ten admired people?
- 3) How many Indians are there in top ten?
- 4) Who is the USA President?
- 5) Who is Russian President and what is his ranking among the top ten admired people?

3. Read the poem carefully:

(5)

Whose woods these are I think I know
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods filled up with snow
My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farm-house near
Between the woods and frozen lakes
The darkest evening of the year
He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sounds the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake .
The woods are lovely dark and deep
But I have promises to keep
And miles to go before I sleep
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Answer the following questions by choosing correct option:

1). Where is the house?

- (a) city (c) village
(b) town (d) out skirts of the city

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- 2). When the poet says "But I have promises to keep", he means that
- (a) He has to make his life successful
 - (b) He has certain duties which he must discharge
 - (c) He has to follow what he has said to his friends
 - (d) He has to make people happy
- 3). The woods are covered with
- (a) snow (b) yellow leaves
 - (c) sand (d) fallen trees
- 4). Who gives the harness bells a shake?
- (a) horse (b) poet
 - (c) horse-rider (d) elephant
- 5). The word **queer** means
- (a) sometimes (b) familiar
 - (c) strange (d) abnormal

Section-B (Writing)

4. Write a letter to your friend describing about the movie you watched very recently. (6)
5. You are Nishant/Nisha, the school Captain of your School. Draft a notice for the solo song competition, giving all necessary information. (50 words) (4)
6. Write a short paragraph on any one of the following. (80-100 words) (5)
- 1) Honesty is the Best Policy
 - 2) Importance of Work in our Life
 - 3) My Daily Routine

Section-C (Grammar)

7. Change the following sentences into indirect speech (5)
- 1) Penny said, "Do you really want it Son?"
 - 2) Mill Wheel said, "Will he ride back with me?"
 - 3) He said to Mill Wheel, "Do you think the fawn is still there?"
 - 4) He asked Mill Wheel, "Will you help me find him?"
 - 5) He said, "Was it up here that pa got bitten by the snake?"
8. Write the noun forms of the following words by adding -ness or -ity. (5)
1. lofty
 2. able
 3. happy
 4. near
 5. noble

Section-D (Literature)

9. Read the extract given below and answer the questions by choosing appropriate option. (3)

Said the duck to the Kangaroo,
Good gracious !how you hop!
Over the fields and the water too,
As if you never would stop !
My life is bore in this nasty pond,
And I long to go out in the world beyond !
I wish I could hop like you !
Said the duck to the kangaroo.

- 1). What does the Duck wish?
 - (a) to live with the kangaroo
 - (b) to play with the kangaroo
 - (c) to hop like the kangaroo
- 2). Why does she flatter the kangaroo?
 - (a) to get her food
 - (b) to please the Kangaroo in order to ride on the back
 - (c) to win over him
 - (d) to make him a fool
- 3). How does she feel in the pond?
 - (a) dull and bored
 - (b) happy
 - (c) lonely
 - (d) miserable

Or

Read the extract and answer the questions.

(3)

I love to rise in a summer morn,
When the birds sing on every tree;
The distant huntsman winds his horn.
And the skylark sings with me.
O! what sweet company.

1. Name the poem and the poet.
2. What happens in the summer morning?
3. Is the poet happy?

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10. Read the extract and answer the following. (3)

"They should concentrate on what they are good at ; I think things like the disabled Olympics are a waste of time ."

- 1). Name the lesson and the author.
- 2). Who is the speaker of the given lines?
- 3). What does he want to say?

11. Answer the following questions (Any three) (Honeydew) (6)

- 1). How did Jody bring the fawn back home?
- 2). Did the prospect of meeting Stephen Hawking make the writer nervous? If so, Why?
- 3). What signs do we find in Nature which show that the monsoon is about to end?
- 4). What was the story attributed to the stone face?

12. Answer the following question (Any two) (It so Happened) (4)

- 1). Why had Framton Nuttel come to the "rural retreat"?
- 2). Why didn't he pay the school fees on the day he brought money to school?
- 3). Why did Indrani Debi dislike Duttada's 'hobnobbing' with Dibya?

13. Write a short note on any one of the following. (4)

- 1). Character of the school boy in Jalebis
- 2). Character of Ernest

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